

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed September 26, 2007, and appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. In response, Applicant submits this amendment to address an issue relating to the Specification and to accept the allowable claims.

With regard to the amendment to the Specification, Applicant's Counsel contacted Examiner Waggoner on December 20, 2007, to discuss the "Code Appendix" missing from the published application U.S. Pub. No. US 2007/0023444. In particular, the "Code Appendix" was included with the International PCT Application and is incorporated by reference in paragraph 33 of the published application. A discussion with Ms. Banks at the PCT Help Desk revealed that the "Code Appendix" is in the USPTO's MADRAS system. Examiner Waggoner indicated that providing this "Code Appendix" as an "Amendment to the Specification" in this response would ensure that the Appendix would be present in the patent that issues from this application. Accordingly, Applicant provides a copy of the "Code Appendix" in the "Amendment to the Specification" of this response.

Next, Applicant amends the claims to substantively accept the allowable subject matter. Claim 1 is amended to include limitations of allowable claim 4. By their dependence, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2 and 3 should also be allowed. Claim 5 is amended to include limitations of allowable claim 14 plus intervening claims 11-13. Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 6-10 should also be allowed. Next, claim 25 is amended to include limitations of allowable claim 26. In view of this amendment, the dependency of claims 27 and 30 has been modified. By their dependence claims 27-30 should also be allowed. New claims 31, 37, and 43 present allowable claims 16, 17, 18 (respectfully) in independent form. Claims 32-36, 38-42, and 44-48 are analogous to claims 6-10 and should be allowed given their dependence on allowable subject matter.

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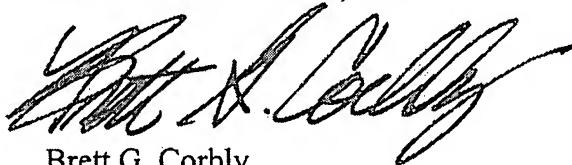
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Finally, new claims 49 and 50 relate to allowable claims 19 and 20 presented in independent form. In view of the foregoing amendments, claims 4, 11-20, and 26 have been canceled.

Applicant respectfully submits that a Notice of Allowance is in order for claims 1-3, 5-10, 21-25, and 27-50. If any outstanding issues remain, the Examiner should contact Applicant's attorney at the number below. The undersigned authorizes the deduction of any necessary fees from Deposit Acct. No. 11-0978.

Respectfully submitted,

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